

Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education

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- 1 Individuals desiring to appear before the board must submit a written request with descriptive materials
2 to the board office six days before the meeting. If the request is approved by the executive committee,
3 the item will be placed on the agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda will be recognized at the
4 beginning of the meeting and given time to speak when their topic of interest is addressed on the agenda.
5 All requests submitted will be included in the board packet along with the name of the speaker and
6 organization, and the nature of the comments.
- 7 If an individual wishes to address the board on an item on the agenda, he/she may sign up on the form
8 provided before the beginning of the board meeting to request time to speak.
- 9 The chair may recognize individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the board if it is determined that
10 such is in the public interest. A majority vote of members present can overrule the decision of the chair.
- 11 Individuals speaking to the board shall address remarks to the entire board and not individual members.
12 Individuals may not delegate their time to another person who has not signed up to speak, nor shall
13 another person read statements on behalf of the person who has signed up to speak. Participants may
14 have up to three minutes to make remarks. Longer comments from community members may be
15 submitted in written format. The chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual
16 who is disruptive or does not adhere to board rules.¹
- 17 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to
18 the office of the director of schools.

Legal References

1. TCA 39-17-306

Cross References

School Board Meetings 1.400
Agendas 1.403